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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2718

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kenji KAWANO, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1756  
Application No.: 10/026,419 ) Examiner: Chacko Davis, Daborah  
Filed: December 26, 2001 )  
For: APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING ) RECEIVED  
SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF ) DEC 16 2003  
PROCESSING THE SAME ) TC 1700

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

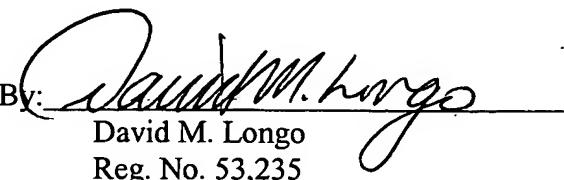
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Restriction Requirement dated November 13, 2003, with a period for response extending to December 13, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1 – 14), Group II (claims 15 – 22), Group III (claims 23 – 42), Group IV (claims 44 – 61), and Group V (claims 62 – 85). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1 – 14, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an apparatus, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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